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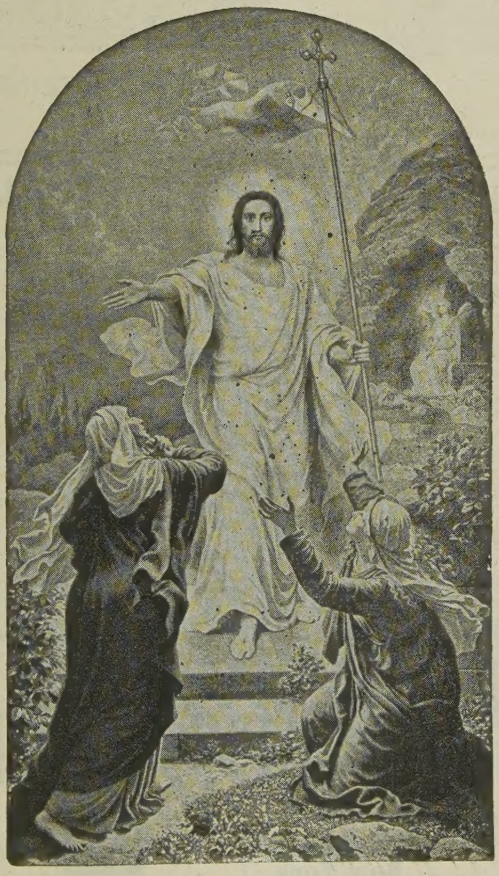

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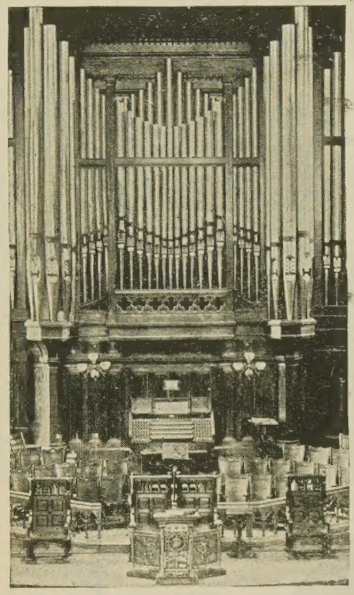

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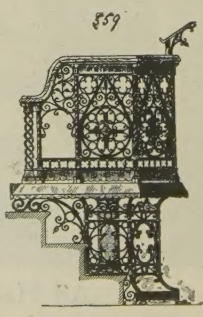

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Christ on the Mount of Olives

And he came out and went, as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow.

And he said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.—Luke 22: 39-46.

Prayer

By Ernest Wagner

BECAUSE of gratitude and the manifold benefits one derives from closely associating with Christ through prayer, these lines are penned to all who care to scan them. Prayer is practical.

One of the first marks of acquaintance between individuals is conversation.

It is possible that all the brothers of an individual family may not know each other, because of ignorance of their whereabouts, but this cannot be said concerning our elder brother, Jesus Christ. He has invited us to come and reason with Him. This reasoning, I apprehend, means more than we at first imagine; indeed several personal experiences could here be related that would most positively reveal to you that God, through Christ, delights to have His children form covenants with Him. I beg of you to form holy covenant with God concerning your life, then remaining faithful you are assured of a positive and splendid fulfillment on the part of God. It may be held by some that God's purposes concerning our lives cannot be changed; this is in part true, in part false. To be sure Jehovah is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. but God's unchangeable purpose of love toward us insures a change in the result corresponding to our change of state through prayer.

We may very conveniently represent the unchangeableness of God by "O," the formula for oxygen, then let one add to this two parts of hydrogen, and the result will be water, or H_2O; but suppose we substitute "N," the formula for nitrogen instead of the two parts of hydrogen and we get air. Thus you see the "O," the unchangeableness of God, has not changed, but the result has. And yet as you are urged to fervently pray to God, at the same time you are beseeched to pray prayerfully. God may answer, in part, an unwholesome prayer simply to reveal to the individual the error of his way. Be ye always ready to receive the answer to your prayer. Who, if he has tasted of the favor of God, has not had his spirit lifted out of the debris of sorrow. and gently placed in the universe of religious peace by means of prayer. We can worship through prayer, and thus have a standard of conduct which we will become like.

Indeed prayer is the sweetest morsel ever tasted by human lips, because it was flavored by lips divine. The first effect of prayer is subjective, and it thus becomes the first step in morality. We do not purpose to formulate rules for you, since our dear Christ prayed in five different postures, but does it not appeal to you whether one stands as in conversation with a king, or whether one kneels as in anguish before an intercessor in prayer that that individual should pray with eyes closed? This simple closing of the eyes very effectually abstracts one from the scenes of this world, concentrates the mind upon the Nazarene, and thus permits the eye of the soul to penetrate into the invisible abode of God, bringing peace that passeth understanding.

As a corner-stone to the above statement, let me quote to you a sentence from Hamilton Wright Mabie's essay on "Personal Intimacy:" "For deeper influences are borne in upon us and become incorporated in us when we keep silent than when we speak and act; impulses, emotions and passions arise within us when we are with our fellows, but the truths that carry conviction and work substantial changes in us become clear to us in solitude."

These few thoughts cannot be better climaxed than by pointing you to the pyramid of prayer—George Mühler.

Holy Week

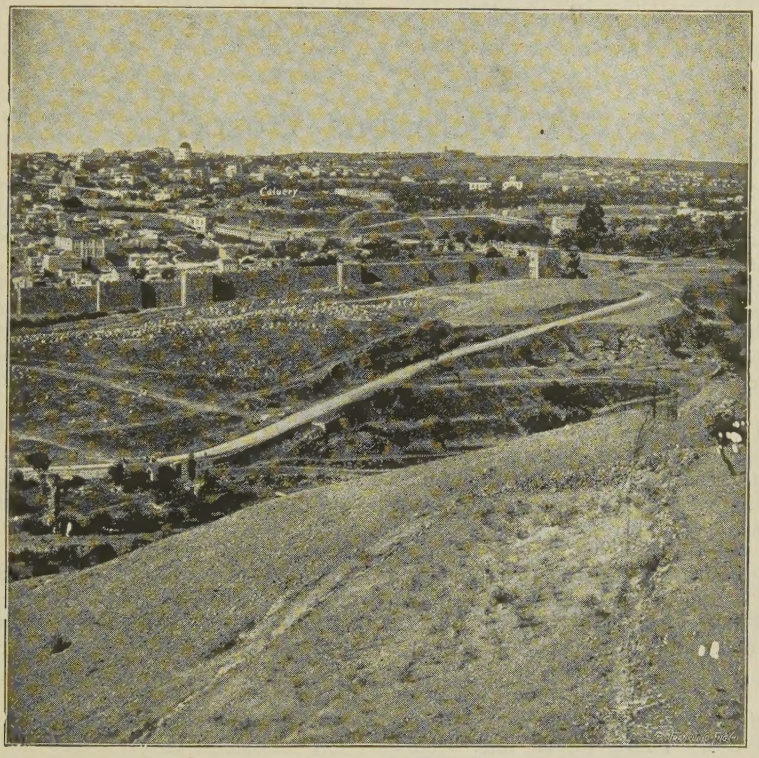
Holy Week, the closing week of Lent, commemorates the sublime and profoundly significant climax of Christ's passion. It is pre-eminently the week of the Cross. How precious the Cross to the heart of the devout believer! Here is the Christian's only hope and the contrite sinner's plea. In the Cross we have the fulfillment of ancient prophecy and the realization of type and shadow.

Heaven's approbation smiles upon the solemn services of the Holy Week. The week is made holy by contemplating the sublime and infinitely transcending events which it commemorates, and bowing at the foot of the Cross with a broken and contrite heart. It affords a special opportunity to learn the true meaning of the Cross, its uplifting and transforming power. Holy Week, observed both publicly and privately in the Gospel spirit, cannot help but strengthen our faith and energize the entire spiritual man; and what blessing the observance of this week brings to the Church and to the individual is genuine; for nothing but the Cross, with the bleeding and agonizing Redeemer upon it, is presented for our consideration. — *Lutheran.*

Calvary

"There is a dear and hallowed spot,
Oft present to my eye;
By saints it ne'er can be forgot,—
That place is Calvary.

"Oh, what a scene was there displayed
Of love and agony,
When our Redeemer bowed His head
And died on Calvary!"



OUR cut is a picture of the most sacred spot in the world, Calvary, where the Saviour was crucified. Rev. F. E. Clark, in "Our Journey Around the World," tells about it as follows:

"Over there, a little to the left, we see that which modern Protestant scholars are largely agreed is the site of the crucifixion and burial of Christ. There, indeed, is the 'green hill far away, without the city wall.' There is the gently rounding hill top, which might well be called by the picturesque and imaginative Orientals 'the place of the skull.' There, underneath this hillside, near to the reputed grotto of Jeremiah, is a rock tomb, hewn out of the solid stone, a tomb which has never been finished, and which answers in every particular to what we might expect of Joseph's new tomb.

"Here our imagination is fully satisfied. Here our feelings of reverent devotion ask for nothing more. There is no gaudy church with its tinsel and its second-rate paintings, its mosaics, and its incense-scented chapels to distract our minds and weary our senses. No quarreling bands of hostile Christians, no Moslem guards to keep the peace are here required, no gorgeously bedecked priests to distract our thoughts from the Man of Sorrows whom they ignorantly worship, and whose life of suffering for mankind they, with their elaborate ceremonials, obscure rather than illuminate.

"Here is nothing over our heads but the blue arch of heaven, a few fleecy clouds sailing across it. Under our feet is the green grass of spring time, the daisies and the anemones, the lilies of the valley, and

all the flowers of the field with which our Lord so often illustrated his discourses.

"To be sure on this very hill are some Mohammedan tombs, which at first seem to desecrate our Golgotha, but, as we think of it, we remember that if it were not for these tombs this hill would doubtless have been covered with buildings, and the site entirely lost for many generations before modern scholars could have identified it as the spot where our Saviour suffered His last agony. So from this point of view we may really consider these Moslem tombs a blessing in disguise, for wherever a Mohammedan is buried his countrymen regard it a sacred ground for all the future ages."

A Victorious Gospel

WITH the blessed Easter tide our hearts ought to spring forward and upward with joy and hopefulness. It has become the fashion of our time to talk despairingly of Christianity and its work for human nature. One hears it everywhere. The newspapers, religious and secular, are full of this philosophy of hopelessness for the future of the Christian Church. With a pessimism based on a superficial view of the true condition and trend of affairs and life, we hear, on all sides, men assuming that the world is worse to-day than it was 50 or 100 years ago, and that, therefore, Christianity is a failure.

Yet, studied in the light of history, there never was a time when there were so many faithful believers in Jesus Christ, so many fruits to show in the lives of men, communities and nations. The uplifting power of the Cross is permeating everything, penetrating everywhere into the affairs of life. There never has been a time so rich as ours in the evidences of the vitality of the Gospel.

A spirit of morbidness seems to have taken hold upon many professing Christians, and, looking out upon the world through their darkened windows they sigh, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Let any man prominent in the pulpit set up the melancholy wail that the Gospel is losing its hold upon the people, and a host of minor prophets at once echo the wail and tragically inform us that everything is hurrying on to ruin.

We do not plead for a superficial optimism that fails to recognize that the world is full of sin and evil, but we do plead for a fixing of the heart and the hope upon the fact of a risen and victorious Saviour who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If we believe in Him we must believe that the world will come more and more out of darkness into light. Keeping Him in view the present and the future must assuredly be full of hope. We do not see Him in the light of the Easter Gospel, the hearts of Christian men can be filled with gloom and doubt concerning the future of Christ's Kingdom among men. Let us look beyond the sin to the great salvation wrought through Him who rose from the dead; and remember that He came to give to men "life more abundantly." Of one thing we may rest assured, that the mission of Jesus Christ will not prove a failure. Of that mission it is written: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

This certainly calls for a joyous and hopeful outlook and a strong, Christian optimism based on "the power of His resurrection."

Christ in Nazareth

That is a very pretty touch in the story of Jesus which tells how, when Joseph and Mary went away home, having lost Jesus in Jerusalem without knowing it, and, coming back, searched three days for Him, and finally found Him in the temple, that He went back with them to Nazareth and was subject to them there as before. That is, He was a good boy, and obedient to His parents, giving them reverence and love. Even in the hour of His great agony on the cross, when He was suffering under the burden of sin for the whole world, one of His last thoughts was concerning His mother; in tenderest possible way He commended her to the care of John, His dearest friend. We should not only be kind to our parents during childhood, but if we follow the example of Jesus our loving plans for them will follow us into mature life, and to the end of life.—*Christian Youth.*

The Loyal Helpers

A Young People's Story with Larger Meanings

By Leander S. Keyser

Chapter III—The Critic's Performance

"To think that Mr. Daily should overhear my hateful remarks about him! Oh, it is too humiliating! I shall never be able to look him in the face again!" moaned Mollie.

Perhaps there was also a reproving voice within her which said: "If you would never make 'hateful remarks' about people, there would be no danger of their overhearing them. It would be better and braver never to say behind one's back what you would not wish to say to his face." No doubt many thoughts that were bitter but healthful went scuttling through her brain during the next few days, for she was unusually sober, and frequently a deep flush dyed her fair young cheek.

But her humiliation was not yet complete. True as trite is the saying, "It never rains but it pours." As Sunday evening drew near Mollie grew quite nervous over the prospect of having to lead the young people's meeting; but she comforted herself with the thought that, the vacation season being near at hand, the attendance would be comparatively small. Of one thing she told herself she was heartily glad—Mr. Daily would not be present, as he had not yet returned to the city. She felt that she could never open her mouth in his presence.

The time for beginning the service came. Mollie went forward and announced the first hymn. Just as she resumed her seat she glanced toward the door, which was quietly opened at that moment. It had opened to admit Mr. Daily himself, the last person whom the young leader of the service desired to see. It was a trying ordeal for the poor girl. For a moment her pastor's eyes were fixed upon her, and her cheeks grew pale.

Indeed, her feelings were in a sad tumult. She had partly committed her opening address, but she felt sure that, with Mr. Daily before her, she would forget what she had meant to say. How often she had sharply criticised Mr. Daily's addresses! Now she saw that acceptable public speaking was no easy task, even when there were few people present and when only a brief address was to be made. What kind of a display would she make if she had to preach a sermon a half hour long!

If she had only been more generous in her criticisms of others, she felt now that she would have more sympathy from her auditors. It seemed to her as every one whom she had ever ridiculed must be present, ready to pounce upon every blunder she made. Her voice trembled and almost grew husky as she read the brief lesson from the Bible. She had made sport of Mr. Daily's voice, which sometimes grew a little husky through much speaking, and now her own voice sounded more like a saw or a file than anything else.

How rapidly the time approached for her little opening address! At length it came. She struggled to her feet, but when she opened her mouth she could scarcely speak above a whisper. By a supreme effort she contrived to worry through a few broken, disjointed sentences. They were formed according to no known rule of syntax. She glared straight ahead, and stood as rigid as a post, not daring to look around lest something should divert her attention and cause her to forget her piece. Her strained and nervous attitude would have been laughable had it not been so pitiful. Mr. Daily really looked at her with a sympathetic expression on his face, but she did not dare to glance in his direction. Never, she was sure, had any one else been so sorely punished.

Presently there was a complete hiatus in her mental operations. She could not remember another word of her carefully prepared address, and it was just as impossible to extemporize as to remember. She opened her mouth in a kind of gasp, and then closed it again without emitting a sound. Her lips were parched. She looked up at the ceiling, then down at the floor, and all the objects in the room seemed to be whirling. The little audience grew so still that you could have heard a tack fall in the furthest corner. No amount of mental effort would bring back the lost thread of thought to the youthful tyro in public speaking. Her face became blanched. What should she do?

There was but one thing to do, and that was to sit down and let a more competent person come to the rescue. Amy Gilmore quickly announced a hymn, and then Willard Balford offered prayer.

"Are there others who will take part?" Mollie asked in an appealing voice.

But no one felt in a mood for testimony. There followed one of those embarrassing pauses that make you feel as if a spiritual iceberg had come into the neighborhood. The opening address had put a feeling of constraint upon the meeting. At length, however, Mr. Daily came to the rescue. A smile lit up his features, and his tones were full of kindness.

"I have just come into the city," he said, "at the call of a sick parishioner, and could not forbear coming to the church at this hour to see what progress my young people were making."

Then he took up the topic of the evening, and offered some extremely pertinent remarks. Mollie thought she had never heard him speak so eloquently. How readily he expressed himself even on the spur of the moment, while she had been studying for weeks on her poor, crude address! A better feeling, a spiritual atmosphere, seemed to pervade the room after Mr. Daily had

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spoken, and others, catching the new spirit of freedom, added words of telling testimony. Mollie had to admit to herself that her pastor had saved the meeting from being a complete and dismal failure.

She had been severely punished by her own folly, and she resolved to learn her lesson with becoming humility. When the meeting was over she made her way at once to her pastor.

"I'm so glad you came to the meeting," she said, the tears gleaming in her eyes. "Your remarks did us so much good. I never appreciated anything so much in my life."

"I am very glad if I have been of any service to you, Miss Mollie," he rejoined, very gently. "You did right and acted bravely in leading the meeting to-night. God bless you!"

"Oh, but I made such a miserable failure!" was the girl's lament.

"No honest effort is ever a failure, Miss Mollie, and you made such an effort this evening, I am sure."

"Oh, Mr. Daily, I don't deserve such kind words from you," the penitent girl murmured. "Will you come with me a little way? I wish to speak with you alone."

When they had gone beyond earshot of the rest of the young people, Mollie broke out: "Mr. Daily, will you forgive me?"

"Forgive you, my child? What is weighing on your mind?"

"I mean my unkind and—and—unladylike remarks about you the other evening. You overheard them, I know you did."

"Yes, inadvertently. I did not mean to play the rôle of eavesdropper; but I was resting in the tent, and was aroused from my slumbers by your conversation. But you must not for a moment imagine that I have harbored any ill-will against you. It is all forgiven."

"Oh, I feel so relieved! I feared you would only despise me and look upon me as a—a hypocrite. You wouldn't believe what a burden I have carried on my heart since that evening. Now, I must make another confession. I do not really dislike you; I simply felt spiteful because you spoke to me about my bad behavior in church. But I have learned a lesson, and by a bitter experience, too."

"We must all learn many of the lessons of life in that way. I am sure that hereafter we shall be warm friends and earnest fellow-workers in the Church of Christ. Good-night."

"Good-night, pastor. That is what you shall now be to me in a new sense of the term."

"God bless you!"

In this way another accession was made to the band of Loyal Helpers; not that any one took a formal pledge, but each one firmly resolved in his own mind to be true to all the interests of the church. A few weeks later Amy Gilmore and Robert Oberweld were in company.

"What a change has come over Mollie Good since her experience in trying to lead the meeting!" observed Robert. "Did you expect such a revolution when you persuaded her to lead?"

"I expected something to happen, but I did not foresee all that took place," Amy replied. "A prophet only could have done that. I simply acted on the general principle that, when people are given something to do and learn by experience how hard it is to do things well, they will be less critical of the efforts of others."

"That is a wise conclusion—worthy of being formulated into an adage," declared Robert. "If I were a stenographer, now, I should take it down in my note-book for the benefit of all generations," he added, twittingly. "But now I want to speak to you about Horace Phelps. Have you noticed how indifferent to the work of the society he has become of late?"

"Yes, I have had my eyes open. What is the cause of his indifference?"

"I'm sure I don't know."

"Suppose you ferret it out, and then we'll see if a cure can be found and administered."

"Well, that's a prompt way of dealing with spiritual diseases," Robert commented, as he bade the girl good-night.

An opportunity for an interview with Horace occurred a few days later. Horace dropped into the office where Robert was employed. Being at leisure, Robert deftly steered the conversation into church channels.

"Our society work is making encouraging progress, isn't it, Horace?" he asked tentatively.

"Oh, yes, it's going along fairly well," replied Horace, with a mechanical yawn.

"It seems to me it is going along exceedingly well," said Robert, with some emphasis. "Our young people are devoted to the good cause, and most of them are loyal to the church and all her interests, and I, for one, feel greatly encouraged. Don't you?"

A scowl creased the visitor's forehead. "There it is again!" he broke out impatiently. "There's always so much talk about loyalty! It's loyalty and loyalty and loyalty, as if there were nothing else of much concern!"

"Why, you believe in being loyal to one's own church, don't you?"

"Oh, pshaw! Oberweld, what's the use to twang on that one string all the while? There are other strings in the harp of religion. Why this constant and wearisome insistence on loyalty? One church is just as good as another, isn't it? What's the difference, any way, whether one belongs to the Lutheran, the Presbyterian or the Methodist Church?"

"Oh! are those your sentiments? Well, we must examine them to see whether they are sound," said Robert, hitching his chair closer to that of his visitor.

(To be continued.)

Lutheran Mission in Japan

SOME months ago our readers were given some idea of the work of Rev. R. B. Peery, the missionary in Japan, who is sustained by the United Synod of the South, through a report made by him at a convention of the Synod and from which we quoted. Those who remember the article will be interested in the accompanying pictures of the missionary and his family. The engravings have been kindly loaned to us by the *Southern Lutheran*, and we append a very interesting letter of Mrs. Peery which accompanied the cut in that paper:

MISSIONARY PEERY AND HIS FAMILY

DEAR LITTLE CHILDREN: Wouldn't you like to see a picture of your missionary and his family? Well, here we are, out on our front porch, one bright afternoon in May. The roses are blooming nicely and we have just had the yard filled with pretty white sand. I wish all of you little children could come in to play. You would have a good time making mud-pies, and not soil your dresses either.

You see my little boy is riding on a Japanese girl's back. Doesn't it look funny? Yes, and Harold thinks it funny, too, so he is always ready for a ride. That is just the way the Japanese babies ride from morning till night. They are tied up on their little brothers' or sisters' backs in the morning and play in the streets all day. Sometimes you can see a little girl carrying her brother, almost as big as she is. Just look at the girl in the picture. She is one of our Christians whom your pennies have helped to bring to Christ. See how her dress is made, and her shoes are just wooden blocks. Her name is O Kame San.

Doesn't our house look queer to you? You will think it is made of glass. Well, that side is, but the other sides are of mud, and it has a straw roof. We have six rooms separated from each other by paper partitions, and when we want to we can take them all out and make one large room. Wouldn't you like to live in a house like that?

Now I wish I could show you our chapel, the preachers, and all the dear little Sunday-school children. They would be very

interesting to you because they are so bright and happy. I wish all the children in Saga knew about God; don't you? Now I am going to ask every little boy and girl who reads this letter to help work for them.

Although the mission work in Japan was only begun by the United Synod in 1892, yet very much has been accomplished.

Two ordained missionaries, three unordained native helpers, six mission stations,

REV. PEERY AND THREE OF HIS NATIVE WORKERS

Ever since Rev. Scherer left us, over a year ago, we have been alone in the work. We need help badly; won't you come to our aid? "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Yours for little children, LETTIE RICH PEERY.

four Sunday-schools with 150 scholars and 46 regular communicants is a work of which the Church may well be proud.

Rev. Peery has recently been aided in his labor by the addition of Rev. C. L. Brown to the missionary staff.

Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D.

PROBABLY no one in our church was so widely known as Dr. H. L. Baugher, whose demise was noted in our last issue. As Professor of Greek at Gettysburg College, president of the General Synod, editor of the *Augsburgh Teacher* and of the *Lutheran World*, and more latterly president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, many had learned to know him and to love him.

He fell asleep in perfect peace on Saturday night, February 11, at the Friends' Sanitarium, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa, retaining consciousness until the end, and, as if realizing his condition, exclaiming: "The Lord is my Shepherd," "The Lord is with me," "He will provide." Dr. H. E. Jacobs of the Mount Airy Seminary was with him when he died.

DR. H. L. BAUGHER

Dr. Baugher was born at Gettysburg, August 6, 1840, his father being the president of Pennsylvania College. He was peculiarly a child of that institution, for he never attended any other school.

From childhood on he showed a coming master mind, and already at the age of ten entered the Preparatory Department of the college. At 17 he graduated from the college, and delivered on Commencement Day one of the honorary orations in Greek. He then taught school for a while at Uniontown, Md.; Quakertown, Pa., and Washington, D. C. He was for a time in the Sergeant at-Arms' office of the House of Representatives at Washington. He returned to Gettysburg, took a theological course in the Theological Seminary there, and followed this with a special course at Andover. From 1863 to 1864 he was co-pastor with Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D.D., at Wheeling, W. Va. In 1864 he accepted a call to the Lutheran Church at Norristown, Pa., and remained there till 1867. He then spent six months in Europe in private study and sight seeing, and in 1868 was called to the pastorate of the First Church of Indianapolis, Ind. In 1869 he was called to the chair of Greek in Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., and remained there as a grand success until 1880, when he accepted a call to the Kountze Memorial Church at Omaha, Neb. He remained in Omaha only about a year, when he was recalled to his professorship at Gettysburg, and served again with great acceptance to the students and patrons of the institution until the summer of 1896. He accepted that fall the editorship of *The Lutheran World*, then published at York, Pa., and made a successful and able editor. Last summer he was called to the professorship of theology of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the South at Charleston, S. C., but owing to failing health he felt himself unable to accept the unanimous and hearty call.

Dr. Baugher was married in 1872 to Ida, a daughter of the late William Smith of York, Pa., with whom he founded an ideal Christian home, whose hearth never knew a cloud or shadow. In this there survive him the stricken wife, daughter and sister, who, with his two brothers, excite the profoundest sympathy of all their friends in their unspeakable bereavement.

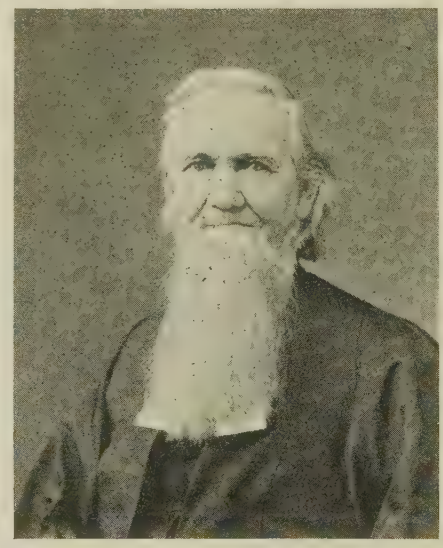
In the death of Dr. Baugher the Lutheran Church in America loses one of its greatest men, and when he breathed his last there passed away from the scene of action one of the most important factors in the development of the General Synod in the past 25 years. He was a scholar, a teacher, a preacher, a man of God. He was a man of positive conviction, beloved by all who intimately knew him, a beautiful type of a courteous and Christian gentleman. He was intensely popular among the students, who almost adored him, and, who to a man loved and esteemed him as a teacher. When he undertook any work he did it with fidelity and a conscientiousness that knew no peer. He was one of the best preachers the Lutheran Church ever had in America, and always drew

large audiences when it was known he was to occupy the pulpit. He was a true friend to those he loved and thought no service too much, nor any sacrifice too great, to do a kind act to another. He will be missed by many.

Rev. Wilhelm Berkemeier

THE name of Berkemeier has become a household word among the German Lutherans who have migrated to this country during the past quarter of a century. As the missionary in charge of the German Emigrant House at 26 State street, this city, Rev. Wm. Berkemeier has given counsel in spiritual and temporal things to tens of thousands of emigrants that found a temporary home within its walls. To them, as well as to Lutherans generally, his death, which occurred on March 7, will be deeply mourned.

Pastor Berkemeier was 78 years old. He came to this country in the forties, and was gruaduated from the Gettysburg Seminary, after which he served churches in the Pittsburg Synod for 25 years. After receiving a call to engage in the work of establishing a home for the emigrants he took charge of German church at Mount Vernon, and spent six years in raising the $30,000 necessary for a building. This was purchased in 1873, and Father Berkemeier lived to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution in the Y. M. C. A. Hall last fall.



REV. WILHELM BERKEMEIER

His illness was of short duration, he apparently passing away in a most natural sleep.

The funeral services occurred on March 10 in St. Paul's Church, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. Koenig, and Rev. A. Richter, president of the New York Ministerium.

He leaves two sons, who are ministers, and three daughters, who are pastors' wives. One of his sons, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, is well known as the Director of the Wartburg Orphan Home at Mount Vernon.

A German Evangelical Church in Japan

In Tokio, the capital of Japan, just as in Jerusalem, a German Evangelical Church has lately been dedicated. There are many German merchants living in that city, who co-operate with the resident Protestants in promoting the Christian institutions of that country. These and the families of the German Consulate in Japan constitute the congregation. Kaiser Wilhelm, the German Emperor, has contributed 10,000 marks ($2,500) toward the building of the church edifice, and considerable assistance has also been rendered by other German Christians to this laudable undertaking. Stained glass windows, bells and reed organs were supplied from Germany.

A Beautiful Salute

Mr. Lawrence, for many years a great Sunday school worker, tells of an interesting visit made to a certain school which encouraged every scholar to have a Bible. When introduced to the school to say a few words, the superintendent said: "Let us give Mr. Lawrence our salute," whereupon the entire school rose in a body, and every member held aloft his own Bible, and waved it three times back and forth, and then the school sat down. We did not see a single person without a Bible. It was one of the most beautiful sights we ever witnessed.—*Church Visitor.*

— Propound to your eyes and heart the example of Jesus upon the cross. He endured more for thee than thou cans't either for thyself or Him.

Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Topic for April 9.

The Lord Amid His Disciples

Suggestions for the Devotional Commit tee:

Assign to members themes for papers, the papers to be read at the meeting in the appropriate place in the topic. At this meeting, for instance, have papers on "The Proofs of the Resurrection."—"The Importance of the Resurrection in the Christian Faith."—"The Power of the Keys."—"What Thomas Missed."—"The Lord's Day—Its Significance, Blessing and Obligation." These papers must be brief, pointed, plain.

The central thought of the topic is "Jesus the Lord." His rising from the dead proves Him Lord over death, the grave and hell. There is no doubt that He really rose. No fact of history is so absolutely certain. Not only friends, but also unwilling foes contribute to the establishment of the truth.

We have, to-day, a living Saviour. He lives, as He died, to redeem. We look back to His death and resurrection as the ground of the forgiveness of our sins. We look up to the Risen Lord as the source of our strength to resist and overcome sin. Faith includes both looks.

His first meeting with His disciples showed Him Lord of spiritual life. "Peace" is a word that no *man* can speak. Who has it in this unquiet world? None but those to whom He has given it. "Being justified by faith, we have peace." He speaks it to the truly trusting heart. Is it yours? It ought to be. It is your birthright as a child of God. To give it to you, He has provided Word and Sacraments, and entrusted to His Church the power to loose and bind. A precious doctrine is that of the "Power of the Keys."

He is the ever present Lord. Not only there with the disciples when Thomas missed Him, but, according to His promise, "where two or three are gathered together." Do you miss Him at these gatherings? On the blessed Lord's Day, and at the other meetings of His people, do you believe that He will be there? And are you careless of the privilege? The choir is always there. It means a couple of dollars to each of them. Is it worth less than that to you? Would you come for a little money, when you will not come for the love of Jesus?

Topic for April 16.

The Lord Reinstates Peter

Themes for Papers.—"Waiting for Jesus — these disciples — ourselves."—"The Meaning of the Miracle."—"How the Lord Deals with Repentant Sinners."—"Love as the Spring of Service."

The Lord had promised to meet His disciples in Galilee, and they expected Him, they went to the place He had appointed, they waited for Him. He has appointed places and times also for us. Besides His comings to us in Word and Sacrament, He has told us He will come again in His Person, in glory, and He has told us to wait for Him, to watch and to work while we are waiting. Are we as expectant and as faithful as these men were?

Instead of giving all our attention to the difficulties, discouragements and trials, why not look rather at the promises, the protection and the provision for our lack which the Risen Lord has offered us? Is not He strong enough, wise enough, faithful enough? Is it not *His* work we are doing, His power that must do it, and shall not His will be done? If He be for us who can be against us? Take hold only of this promise, "It is *God that worketh* in you both to will and to do." Yield yourself to Him, and let *Him* work.

Let not the thought of sin and unworthiness hold you back. Was Peter worthy? You have never denied with oaths and curses that you ever knew Him. But if you had, and turned with sorrow and longing back to Him, while He might ask you heart-searching questions, and give you painful tests, He would, He will, receive you, and entrust to you a share in His work. Oh, as He has forgiven and redeemed you, will you not love Him? Strange, indeed, that He cares, but He craves your heart's devotion. He longs for love, your love! Do you love Him? With supreme, self-forgetting love, or, even with such love as you give to an earthly friend? Then do His work. "He is more love-worthy than all our love." He loved us unto death.

Nothing can take the place of love. Nothing can inspire it like the contemplation of the love of Christ for us. Nothing will prompt us to live for Him, and labor for Him, and lay down the life for Him, but love. Peter stood the test. The rest of his life shows what loving Christ means.

The Luther League Topics (complete lessons, of which the above are outlines and reviews), in pamphlet form, covering three months, can be supplied at nominal rates by Luther League Review, Box 139, Washington, D. C.

Topic for April 23.

The Lord Glorifying the Father

Themes for Papers.—"Glorifying Christ by Bringing the Heathen to Him."—"The True Spirit and Aim of Prayer."—"The Voice from Heaven—How it Comes—Its Message."—"Why Do Not Word and Sacraments Produce the Same Results in All?"—"Self-sacrifice the Way to Glory."

Jesus was not deceived when He prayed that the Father would glorify His Name. He knew that it meant Gethsemane and Calvary for Him. But He was willing to walk that dolorous way, to reach the empty tomb, and to resume the throne of Heaven, and to send Pentecost. The coming of the Greeks meant the beginning of the world-wide harvest of souls whom He was redeeming with His blood, and He was ready to pay the price that He might "see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied." What are you doing to satisfy Him, to add to His glory by bringing men from the uttermost parts of the earth to join the chorus of unceasing praise to Him? Something you must be doing if you care for His glory, if you care for His last command.

Three things drive men to prayer: the sense of need, the command of God and the promise of God. Our Lord had no need of the command; His troubled soul and the assurance of God's willingness took Him to the throne. Trouble is a call to prayer. But prayer must not merely seek relief from trouble. It must seek the glory and the will of God. In common with every other act of the believer's life prayer must *make God first.*

And then will the voice from Heaven be heard not with the outward ear, but in the heart, coming through the familiar promises, bringing comfort, cheer and peace. The voice from Heaven is never silent. It comes ever through Word and Sacrament. If we hear it not, it is because unbelief makes us deaf. If it seems to us only an inarticulate noise, it is because voices of earth are drowning it. Those with ear keen and attent will recognize the voice of God, bearing witness to the Son.

Have you learned that the way to glorify God, and to be honored by Him, is to give up self, to die to self, to sacrifice self? That is the message of the Word. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." What sacrifice of self is there in your life? Are you giving up any indulgence, any pleasure, any time, any money that Christ may be glorified? Do you sacrifice your wishes in any way for Him who sacrificed all for you?

Topic for April 30.

The Lord Intercedes for Believers

Themes for Papers—"Jesus Praying for Us—An Impressive Scene."—"Intercession an Act of Divine Love."—"Our Strength and Safety Assured in Christ's Intercession."—"The High Priestly Office of Christ."—"What We Need for the Present and for the Future—Sanctification, Oneness and Glorification."

Besides these, have a brief narrative of the "Historical Illustrations" prepared.

A sense of sin awakens in man the sense of unworthiness to approach God. See the Israelites asking Moses to become their intercessor after the fiery serpents had been sent (Num. 21). Our continual faults render us continually conscious of the need of a Mediator. Jesus became our Mediator before we felt the need of Him. What a touching sight it is to behold Him, on the verge of His agony, praying for us! It ought to melt any heart, and then to thrill it with love and devotion to hear Jesus saying, "And not for these only do I pray, but for them also that shall believe on Me through their word." That means you and me. Never was such love.

And this high priestly office, which He thus began, He has never laid down. He still maketh intercession. This is our strength. Are you afraid to undertake the Christian life because you think you "can't hold out?" Here is what you need, "He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7: 25). You need not fear. You need not falter. You need not fail, no matter how great your task, how strong your foe, with the intercession of Jesus you will be sufficient.

And, with the five bleeding wounds pleading for you. He asks for just those things you need, as He did in this first recorded intercession. You need holiness. Without it no man can see the Lord. Into the blessed home can enter nothing that defileth. And so He pleads, "Sanctify them." Victory over sin is assured for you if you are on His side and let His prayer for you avail. You need unselfishness, oneness of heart with your fellow-Christians, and with God. He is asking it for you. And at last you will need to see and be with Him in His glory. And He claims this as His right, "Father, *I will* that they be with me!"

Are His prayers for you being fulfilled? Are you yielding yourself to Him that they may be fulfilled? He is faithful, and His love will never fail.

Literature Free of Cost

By Rev Charles L Fry

IN response to frequent requests for literature to be distributed free in convention of Centrals, and on special occasions in individual Leagues, to stimulate interest in the books of the Reading Course, and to furnish a complete list of the titles and authors, the Literature Committee takes pleasure in announcing that the address delivered on this subject at the recent National Convention has been secured for publication in a neat and convenient tract form. Rev. W L. Hunton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has kindly consented to attend to the mailing of whatever copies of his forceful presentation may be desired by pastors and League officers. No charge whatever is made by the committee for this literature, and everybody is heartily welcome to the help he may derive from it in prosecuting this most important feature of our work, so long as the supply shall last, by addressing as indicated above, and inclosing postage as follows: Two copies, 1 cent; 12 copies, 5 cents; 25 copies, 8 cents; 50 copies, 12 cents.

Special request is made that no person shall order more than can be judiciously used, so that a conscientious economy be observed, with as little waste as possible. The tract is a capital thing to put into the hands of every earnest worker in the League, but it is not intended for promiscuous distribution, and would accomplish nothing in cases of flippant and frivolous minds. Only the substantial and serious members have those qualities of steadfastness and endurance necessary for deriving benefit and enjoyment out of the study of the League books.

Whether it will occur to anybody to ask how can the Literature Committee publish these tracts free of charge, or to wonder who pays the expenses of carrying on the whole work of the National League in all its departments (not excepting the issuing of this official organ, the Review), it may be impertinent to inquire here. Suffice it to simply say, once for all, that there is not a single one of the officers who expects even the payment of his necessary expenses, much less any salary. So far from deriving the least dividend from the sale of the League books, for example, the meager margin of profit from these sales does not begin to be sufficient to balance the finance accounts, hence the officers' compensation is a voluntary self-assessment, year after year without fail, to keep the wheels of the machine in motion.

Possibly this may be a revelation to many who have never stopped a moment to inquire, and it certainly is a most embarrassing ordeal to have to candidly state the situation, but the time has come when this could no longer be avoided. We have no capital; no assets. Purchasers of the books who begrudge the paltry income which the Luther League organization derives from their sale, and who intimate that this or that separate volume may occasionally be gotten on the bargain-counter of a city book-store at less price, need to be waked up to realize what a pitiful degree of "Loyalty" (the first of our watchwords) such parsimony betokens, when they would thus seem to desire to take from us the ONLY source of revenue we have for carrying on their work as their ill-thanked servants—a revenue precious little at most!

We all freely admit that had it not been for the organization of the Luther League our special attention would never have been called to these books at all. The reading courses would not have been planned. Therefore we are indebted to the League for the suggestion of the profitable project, and those who buy the books in sets and not separately, as all are urged to do, will find that the price has been put down to the lowest figure for which they could be gotten anywhere. Even were it not so, if Leagues or Sunday-school libraries were asked to pay a small profit into a fund for prosecuting the general work on a wide scale, what kind of a spirit would it evidence to demur and prefer to patronize some other publisher?

Every Leaguer Read This Twice

REFERRING to the Reading Courses No. 3 and No. 4, as selected by the votes of the delegates to the recent National Convention, we desire to specially emphasize the statement that after any person has finished the first course he is at perfect liberty to choose whichever one of the other three courses he may prefer to read next. If he cannot afford to buy the slightly more expensive books of the second series he can keep these in reserve for some future time, and in the meantime go on with those of Nos. 3 and 4, receiving the corresponding seals to his certificate.

Every Sunday school library in the Lutheran Church of the United States ought

by all means contain every one of the two dozen valuable, well written books here recommended for an intelligent understanding of our history and doctrines, for the use of both its teachers and older pupils, and the librarians would cheerfully comply with an earnest request to place them in the catalogue.

It will be observed that required tracts are omitted from the first course, since they have proved to be a more or less cumbersome feature. In the third and the fourth course there is variety and equitable balance in the six books selected, one being of a devotional character, one doctrinal, one historical, one of biography, one liturgical and one practical. Another commendable feature is that all these various books are small, inexpensive, popular, clear, strong presentations of their respective subjects. Whoever carefully reads and masters them will have a well rounded conception of his Lutheran position on all sides.

The business manager, Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, publishes a complete list of prices in this month's issue, and we bespeak particular attention to it. Those of our Leaguers who receive a birthday gift of money, for which they are told to "buy what they please," ought not be at any loss how to invest it for the largest and most enduring value.

THE LITERARY SECRETARY.

"Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out"

AN officer of the mint at New Orleans was arrested and committed for trial on remarkable scientific evidence. It was his duty to burn the bills which were returned to the mint and were not to be reissued. A box containing a large amount of money in currency was given to him to destroy and a record was kept of the number of bills of each denomination which were in the box. The ashes of the bills were carefully collected and turned in by the clerk, as proof that he had destroyed the bills, as his duty required. They were weighed by the chief inspector, and were about the weight that the ashes of the bills should be. On close examination, however, it was found that among the ashes were the heads of several burned matches, which would, of course, count in the weight. It was evident that certain bills, the ashes of which, if burned, would correspond in weight to the match-heads, could not have been burned. Suspecting that the clerk had stolen the bills, instead of burning them, the next step was to ascertain the value of the bills abstracted. The ashes were submitted to a Government expert, who analyzed them and reported that currency of the value of $25,000 had not been burned. On being asked how he had discovered the amount, he stated a fact not generally known. It appears that the coloring matter used in the bills varies with each denomination, and that in all cases it has a metallic basis, which is uninjured by fire or water. The tests showed that in the ashes there was none of the indestructible basis peculiar to the $1000, $500, or $100 bills, although there were several bills of those denominations among those given to the officer to burn. As there was a possibility of his having used them, instead of burning them, he was arrested. Doubtless the officer was not aware that the Government possessed so ingenious a means of testing his probity, otherwise he would not have reserved the bills from destruction.

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I.

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Schoenberg Cotta Family.....Mrs. Rundel Charles.
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Praying and Working.....Stevenson.
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II.

Life of Luther.....Wackernagel.
Spener and Francke.....Mrs. Marie Richard.
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Ecclesia Lutherana.....Seiss.
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III.

Conversion of India.....George Smith.
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When any person shall have read the books of the first course, and so informed the Literary Secretary, he shall receive, upon payment of the 20 cents fee, a Luther League Literary Certificate

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Fix this date well in your minds. It matters little whether this be the closing year of the nineteenth century or not, we want to make it the closing year of the REVIEW *in debt.* October 1, 1899, the management of the REVIEW want to be able to announce that the *last dollar of indebtedness has been paid off.* Who is to help do this ? What are you doing to bring it about ? You have helped, cannot you do a little more ?

Six months ago, or when the Luther League of America met in convention in New York City, the indebtedness of the REVIEW, the official organ of the League, was a little over $1000. At the annual meeting of the committee charged with the publishing of the REVIEW the indebtedness was reported as having been reduced a little over *one-fourth.* The chairman of the committee, after the report was made, remarked : " That report was worth coming to hear." Be that as it may, there is much room for improvement during the coming six months, and October 1, 1899, *can and must see the indebtedness wiped out—every dollar of it.* How can it be done ?

Since the convention three Centrals of Pennsylvania *alone* have circulated the REVIEW to the extent of $100. Where are the other 16 Centrals of this great State ? Where are those of New York, seven in number ? What has become of Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and other States belonging to the National League ? The management is extremely anxious to hear from them.

The REVIEW comes to you once a month brimful of choice reading matter—representing much labor and sacrifice of personal comfort on the part of those intrusted with the publishing of same, and yet the appreciation—that of a substantial kind—is slow, oh, so slow in coming ! The 50-cent pieces seem to be glued to the pockets, or sewed in, or held in, in some way so that many subscriptions pile up months and months in arrears. Honest debts seem to be forgotten, and you stand with gaping mouths when told over 1000 subscribers are in arrears with their subscriptions. Notice after notice is sent out —bills for a change, and back again to notices—but the number still remains about the same. Is it any wonder there is an indebtedness ? Can you expect anything else when such a condition is tolerated ? Who is responsible for this state of affairs ? How many presidents of Leagues appoint one or more members to look after the interests of the paper, as so often requested ? How many after appointing them ever think to inquire as to what progress has been made ? The writer is in a position to know, and does know, that where *good, honest* work is done in the Leagues splendid results are forthcoming.

Come now, let us get together, States, Centrals, Local Leagues, societies and individual members everywhere. Take a share in this enterprise, your own first and then interest your neighbor. Go at it early—stay at it long and keep at it late, all the time. If opportunities are not offered make them. Six months is left to do this work in—out of this must come the summer, the time for vacation—so that what is to be done must be done now —October 1, 1899. Later on in the month comes the date for the celebration of the great Reformation. Let us all reform and get out of this habit of forever being in debt. Let the management be able to come to you with the October number of the REVIEW—the Reformation number—right side up—out of debt and with brilliant prospects for the new year. Commence at home first—examine the label on your paper. If you owe anything—pay it. If you have not sent in at least one new name, do it; do it quickly, do it now and as often as possible. Don't forget the date—October 1, 1899.

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" Arise, for He is risen to-day,
And shine, for He is glorified;
Put on thy beautiful array,
And keep perpetual Easter-tide."

The Easter Gospel makes the Christian life the happiest of all lives. But this happiness ought to abide with men. The joy of Easter ought to be ever present in the life of the believer, consoling and stimulating. The victory of Christ ought to be the very essence of our life. In the power of that victory we may be always victorious. In the power of that victory our life ought to be daily inward, outward, onward, upward.

One thing we would impress upon every member of the Luther League. Do not let this Easter pass without making a special Easter offering to the cause of Christ. Is it not high time for us Lutherans to " arise " and make our Easter offerings worthy the name? We are sometimes amazed when we hear Lutherans talk about making an Easter " offering," and then see what a pittance they lay upon the altar. We blush to think of it as an offering of thanksgiving for the glorious victory won for us through Christ our Lord. Surely, surely, the rising generation of Lutherans must learn how to give, to bring offerings that are offerings and worthy to be laid upon God's altar.

Every League ought to have a special Lookout Committee to reach and hold the newly confirmed. Do not let them drift away from Sunday-school or church. Make earnest and persistent efforts to hold them as workers.

" Oh, let me know
The power of Thy resurrection!
Oh, let me show
Thy risen life in clear reflection!
Oh, let me soar
Where Thou, my Saviour Christ, art gone before;
In mind and heart,
Let me dwell always, only, where Thou art."

" A business man has given the interest on $10,000 for 24 years to support a missionary of the American Sunday-school Union, and now has these results: Four hundred and thirty-seven Sunday-schools organized, with 35,000 members. From these schools have grown 194 frontier churches More than one-half of the membership has come from these Sunday-schools." How often we despise the little things, and are unwilling to wait until they accumulate. The foregoing may be an encouragement and a help to some who are unable to give much, as well as an incentive to those who are unwilling to give little.

" Remember, we must work as though we expected to live forever, and live as though we expected to die to-morrow," is a quotation unnecessary to repeat to those who are active in work. It is simply a re-

minder to all our readers of what is expected of us when so much is given to us; therefore let us "learn to love the thing we undertake to do." Thus will we become enthusiastic and diligent in the work which is set before us.

The Passion History shows us not only the love and compassion of Christ, but also the weakness of human nature. Peter, the forward, outspoken disciple, whose confession of Christ was the rock upon which the Church was to be founded, fell, denying himself, and that he knew his Lord and kind teacher, yet Jesus "looked upon Peter," and that *look* sent him away from further temptation—he "went out and wept bitterly," to think of his act, and of the look which showed the love and forgiveness of his Master. How easily we yield to sin; how ready God is to forgive! What a blessed thought for the Lenten season, the love of God, the Father, for His weak, erring children!

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side.
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside,
Doubting in his abject spirit, till his Lord is crucified. —*James Russell Lowell.*

One trait of Henry Drummond's life was his intense and unselfish interest in others. He was always thinking how he could help them. He came in contact with many burdened, tempted souls, to lift them into light and hope. His Christianity was entirely natural. He was fond of sports, ready to entertain, brimming over with cheer and good will, yet disposed to touch just as unconstrainedly on the deepest subjects. "He was one of the purest, most unselfish most reverent souls you ever knew. . . . His life was truly hid with Christ in God."

In a recent letter Rev. Dr. A. Pohlman one of our missionaries in Africa, speaks encouragingly of the work there and of the great assistance which the mission is now receiving from the two ladies recently added to the force. He emphasizes the need of additional workers, and in these words urges upon the Church at home the necessity of increased assistance: "Kindly bear in mind, then, good women of the home Church, that nearly six months have already passed since your workers came to the field, that it takes three months for a round trip correspondence, that it will not always be an easy matter to find the right women in a short time, that it will require some time for them to fit themselves for the field, and that it will require some time also for them to become acquainted with the work after they reach the field, where climate, different customs, peculiarity of the work and many other things make it so difficult to engage in a work like this. No, it is not too soon to begin starting others for this field."

With our thoughts looking forward to the great Easter Festival, we cannot forbear to express the hope that all our Lutheran Sunday schools will have programmes whose music will be worthy of the Lutheran Church and its splendid liturgical history. There is no Church that has such excellent music as our own. Why not then use the best—use our own?

The users of the Luther League Topics will no doubt be pleased with the outlines and reviews of the lessons published for the first time in this number. Rev. C Armand Miller has consented to furnish these important helps every month and they will hereafter be a standing feature of the paper. No doubt they will be found of great value.

For the cut on the first page and the one on the first reading page we are kindly indebted to the *Church Visitor*, a bright parish paper published by Rev. S S. Waltz, D.D., of Louisville, Ky.

The Juniors' Page

Conducted by Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, Lancaster, Pa.

WHY NOT?

Why not have a Junior League? The encouragement and support it will give to the church, the pastor, the Sunday-school and the Luther League, and the amount of improvement and information that can be crowded into the precious hours with the Juniors is proportionate alone to the skill and effort put forth, and will fully repay the sacrifices made to organize, equip and maintain it.

There are some kinds of work that little workers can achieve quite readily, such as the canvassing for scholars, distribution of invitations, delivery of messages from pastor to people, looking after delinquents, &c. In some cases young aids are best fitted for the work.

SUBJECTS

If your evenings are open to a variety of uses, the following are suggested as helpful ways of using the time:

1. *Spiritual Memorizing* —Write on the blackboard, or a chart (with black crayon, or brush and ink) the golden text; a precious verse of some poem or hymn; a prose passage that is full of the spiritual life. Let the pupils watch the writing of it, then repeat it, with keen eyes fixed upon the words, again and again; then let the eyes be turned away and the words repeated again and again. Finally let the words be removed, and the text gone over in concert a few times. Many precious truths may be learned in this way, from week to week.

2. *A Missionary Session*, in which all the features of the day shall lean toward the great essential work of Foreign, Home and Inner (local) Mission work; showing how the work is being done, and what is going on. The Scripture readings, hymns and prayers should correspond with the purpose of the addresses, pictures or descriptions of the evening.

3. *A Bible Reading.*—During this meeting the members may each be called upon to quote a verse of Scripture upon which the pastor or other well qualified person may present comments or explanations; or one of the parents or teachers may be invited to read and explain a miracle parable, or event in the life of our Lord in a simple manner to the young folks.

4. *Church Erection.*—The work of building and increasing the facilities of churches might be spoken of, pictures of new churches completed shown, and prayer offered for the success of these important works.

5. *Thanksgiving.*—Every member may be called upon to state a reason why he should be thankful to God for all His goodness and mercy. Some of the reasons will be found to be full of thought, others very child-like; but, doubtless, none the less beautiful.

Among moral subjects that may engage the attention of the evening may be given charity, patience, kindness, temperance, care of our body, cruelty, care of the trees and flowers, the saloon, the Lord's Day, the swearer, health talks, honesty, purity in heart and life, habits, &c.

Intelligence of many kinds may be fostered by giving attendance to reading, the discussion of local happenings (such as a disastrous fire, a wreck, a fine new building, a great storm, a great man in the city, &c.). Little essays on these matters, sketches made by the members, or snapshots taken may be interesting subjects. A course of short talks in Bible History, or stories of noble and heroic men, women and children would be helpful. All general information concerning nature, sciences, arts, &c., may be useful and profitable. Or, the camera, the telescope, engine, telephone, the clock, the printing press, may be explained to the members and illustrated.

Socially the Juniors may be helpful of the Church and each other by the pleasant companionships formed, the reunions, canvassings, care in sickness, invitations and mutual thought one for another, which those who consider each other's welfare may readily develop as a valuable part of the entire *esprit du corps.*

An Easter Outing

The fourth of the present series of personally conducted tours to Old Point Comfort via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, April 1.

Tickets including luncheon on going trip, one and three-fourths days' board at that place, and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold in connection with this tour at rate of $15 from New York; $13.50 from Trenton; $12.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

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Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE CITIES

New York City

— St. Peter's congregation, Rev. Drs. E. F. and A. B. Moldenke, pastors, recently received a legacy of $500 from the estate of Mr. Henry Berghorn, a member of the congregation for about thirty years and for a long time a member of the Board of Trustees. A Church Extension Fund has been started to either purchase a parish house or to replace the old church building by a modern edifice.

— At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, Mount Vernon, it was resolved to give notice, through the pastors, to all Lutheran congregations in New York and its vicinity that the handsome building erected by Mr. Heins, and to be known as "The Mary Louise Heins Home for the Aged and Infirm," is now completed, and that about twelve rooms are ready to receive applicants, and that others will be received as soon as other rooms are in readiness. The dedication of the building is to take place on Decoration Day, which is observed as the anniversary of the Farm School.

— The newly organized Church of Our Saviour, Rev. W. H. Feldmann, pastor, has purchased a plot 47 x 75 on the corner of 179th street and Audubon avenue, on which they will begin at once the erection of a church building.

— Rev. W. M. Beck, missionary of the General Synod at Muhlenberg, Africa, reached New York on February 11 and spoke at the Church of the Atonement, Rev. Knubel, pastor, on February 12 in the morning and in the evening at St. John's, Dr. Young's.

Brooklyn

— St. John's German Church, on Prospect avenue, was formally dedicated February 26, the pastor, Rev. Frederick W. Bosch, receiving the keys at the door of the church and then preceding his congregation into the edifice. Rev. Dr. John Heischman preached the sermon.

— A complete renovation of the property of Calvary Church, Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor, will begin soon. The church will be painted inside and outside, reroofed, recarpeted, new furnaces put in, and other needed improvements made. The church, which was bought from the Congregationalists, when completed will look like new. Dedication day has not yet been definitely fixed, but will be very soon.

— On January 29 Epiphany Church, Hempstead, L. I., Rev. E. Zwinger, pastor, was consecrated. Rev. L. Koenig of New York preached the consecration sermon. Rev. G. Baetz, D. W. Peterson, J. Loch and J. Holstein also participated in the services. The church is a very neat structure in churchly style. The pews and other portions of the furniture were donated by St. Paul's Church, New York, Rev. L. Koenig; the pulpit is a gift of Zion's congregation, Brooklyn, Rev. E. Kraeling.

Philadelphia

— The General Council has purchased a property at 1522 Arch street, Philadelphia, and will establish a publication house, where all the business of the General Council will hereafter be transacted.

— Rev. Prof. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., of the Chicago Theological Seminary has been called by the University of Pennsylvania to be assistant to Prof. Dr. Hilprecht in the Department of Assyriology. It is certainly an honor to the Lutheran Church to have this department requiring so much diligent research and learning manned entirely by Lutherans.

— Rev. Wm. Kelly, late of All Saints' Church, has begun his work as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Oakland, Cal.

— The American Sunday School Union, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, with Morris K. Jesup of New York as president, will on May 25 celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary in Philadelphia. A special Committee of Arrangements has been appointed, Clarkson Clothier chairman, William H. Wanamaker, William C. Stoever, H. C. Gara of Philadelphia, Robert T. B. Easton and John N. Beach of New York, with J. M. Andrews as secretary and Elmer B. Stevenson of Iowa as assistant to the chairman. The Academy of Music, one of the largest auditoriums of the city, has already been secured for the meetings. Many leading speakers of the country are to be here, and representatives of the union from all parts of the United States will be present. No pains will be spared to make this one of the greatest gatherings of the kind ever held in this country. This is the oldest and largest Sunday school missionary society in America, having for its field of operations the whole United States, and has organized over one hundred thousand Sunday schools during its 75 years of work.

Jersey City

— Rev. A. H. Holthusen was installed as pastor of Grace English Church, Palisade avenue, Jersey City Heights, on February 5 by Revs. Wm. Dallmann, W. Schoenfeld, J. Holthusen, O. Sieker, J. Schwoy, R. Frey and J. Frey.

— On January 27 St. Matthew's congregation celebrated the silver wedding of their pastor, Rev. J. C. L. Petersen. A number of pastors of the N. Y. Ministerium participated.

Baltimore

— On February 12 Rev. H. Braun was installed by Dr. Henninghausen as pastor of the German Friedens Church.

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— The Lutherans of Baltimore are taking steps to build a church as a memorial to the late Rev. Dr. Morris.

Albany

— On January 18 a meeting was held in South Albany to found another English Lutheran Church. Revs. Seegers of Albany and Klingensmith of Utica were in charge of the meeting. Services were begun on January 29 in the Benjamin Street Mission Chapel, with remarkable success. Rev. W. A. Lamhert of Bethlehem, Pa., has taken charge. The mission was organized with a membership of 49 on March 2.

St. Louis.

— St. Mark's Church, Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., pastor, has undertaken to raise money sufficient to pay a remaining indebtedness of $4,000 by Easter.

— The Swedish congregation has begun the erection of its church. It will contain in addition to auditorium also five rooms for the pastor.

— Rev. Wm. Achenbach, pastor of Trinity Church and a member of the Missouri Synod, died February 26, aged 67 years.

Rochester

— Rev. W. E. Murray has tendered his resignation as pastor of Grace English Lutheran Church of Rochester. It is not stated whether he has another field of labor. During his pastorate a fine pipe organ was secured and a part of the church mortgage cancelled.

Buffalo

— St. John's congregation, Rev. J. A. Kirsch, pastor, at its recent meeting resolved to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary next year, to renovate its church until that time, and also to invite the New York Ministerium to hold its annual meeting in 1900 in this church.

Boston

— On February 12 the new Immanuel Church of East Boston was dedicated with appropriate services.

Minneapolis

— Bethlehem Norwegian Church was dedicated February 5. The church is a large and beautiful brown stone structure. Rev. G. Rasmussen is the pastor.

MISCELLANY

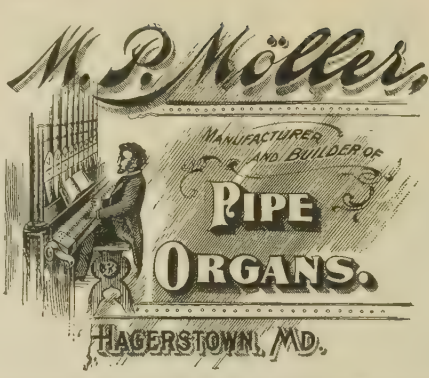
— Rev. L. D. Wells of Fayette, N. Y., has accepted a call to the First Church, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

— The congregation of the Spring Street German Church, Rondout, N. Y., recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. In the morning Rev. C. H. Siebke of New Haven, the first pastor of the church, now 79 years of age, preached the sermon. The Rev. William F. Bacher, pastor of the English Church, also addressed the congregation. The pastor, Rev. A. Schmidtkonz, spoke briefly, and a jubilee collection was taken.

— Rev. L. Zuber has succeeded Rev. O. W. Fischer as pastor of St. John's, Pittston.

— Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., has accepted the call to become the successor of Rev. Dr. Richards in Muhlenberg College.

— Rev. John Henry Schmidt died February 17, at Freeland, Pa., in the seventy-second year of his age.



— Rev. Dr. J. B. Fox of Newberry, S. C., has accepted the unanimous call of Christ Church, Staunton, Va., to succeed Rev. H. F. Scheele.

— Rev. Charles K. Hunton was installed pastor of the First English Church, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, February 12. There is a marked advance in all lines of churchly activity since he began his work in December. The robe has been introduced and two new ones purchased. A harmonious and devoted congregation gives promise of a successful pastorate.

— Rev. C. F. Kuder, a General Councils missionary in India, has returned to America. He is at present making his home at Siegfried's Bridge, Pa., and occupyng his time lecturing on "The India Mission Work."

— Rev. M. Loy, D.D., of Columbus, Ohio, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination this month, and also his seventy-first birthday. For upward of thirty years he was president of the Joint Synod of Ohio.

— Rev. J. C. Kunzman of Pittsburg, Pa., has been elected superintendent of the General Council's English Home Missions, to take the place of the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, who is now pastor of Grace Church, Rochester, Pa.

— Sister Louise, the first Lutheran deaconess consecrated in America, died on Sunday, February 12, at Jacksonville, Ill., aged seventy years. She served the Church in her ministry of mercy for nearly fifty years, having been ordained as a deaconess by Dr. Passavant in the First Church of Pittsburg on May 28, 1850.

— Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., and wife, the senior of the General Council's missionaries at Rajahmundry, recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

— Thirteen missionaries of the Paris Lutheran Society labor on the Island of Madagascar. The Lutheran Church of Norway recently sent twenty additional workers to the same field. The evangelical churches on the island suffered a great deal by the pernicious practices and intrigues of the Jesuits.

Easter Vacation

The Pennsylvania Railroad has arranged a three day trip to Washington starting March 28, which will give an opportunity of visiting the Capital City. The cost, including hotels and all other expenses, guides, carriages, &c., is $14.50 for the round trip.

Luther League

Luther League of America

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— What was undoubtedly one of the best conventions the Luther League of New York City has ever held occurred on March 16 in Grace Church, Rev. J. A. Weyl, pastor. President Boschen presided and Pastor Weyl welcomed the League, response being made by the president. The addresses by Rev. J. Fry, D.D., professor of homeletics at Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, on "The Machinery in the Church," and by Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D.D., of Baltimore, Md., on "Deaconess Work" were of the highest order and attentively listened to by all present. The Luther League Choral Union, under the direction of Emanuel Schmauk, again rendered excellent music. Although the attendance was not very large, those who were present enjoyed the services and were much interested.

— On Friday, February 17, the New York City League held its regular delegates' meeting in Epiphany Church, Vice-President D. A. Weight presiding. The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Mt. Vernon, Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor, applied for membership and was duly elected. Rev. W. H. Feldmann, the pastor of the new Church of Our Saviour, was elected an honorary delegate. He was present and spoke to the delegates. The reports rendered were very encouraging.

— The Young People's Society of the Church of the Advent, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., pastor, will have a sale of fancy articles at the residence of Mrs. O. F. Zollikoffer, 49 West Fifty-fourth street, on March 22.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement celebrated its second anniversary on March 9 and 12. The former was a social meeting, and besides a literary and musical programme Mr. A. C. Close, ex-president of the Albany District League, addressed those present. On Sunday, the 12th, anniversary services were held in the evening, at which Rev. H. H. Weber, secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod, delivered the anniversary sermon, which was very appropriate and timely, and greatly enjoyed by all present.

— The Young Ladies' Society of St. Peter's

Church, Rev. H. Richter, pastor, celebrated its anniversary on January 22.

Albany and Rhinebeck Districts

— The annual meeting of the Luther League of the Church of the Holy Communion was held on February 28. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Charles Pfeiffer; vice-pres., Edward G. Lefeldt; cor. and rec. sec., Miss M. Schied; fin. sec., Henry G. Hoffman; treas., Mrs. Oscar Van Etta; organist, Miss Cora Jones; librarian, Miss Blanche Bossert. The League assumed the responsibility of raising $500 toward the erection of the new church. Rev. G. A. Bierdeman, the pastor, preached the anniversary sermon.

— The Emmanuel Verein, the Young People's Society of the German Church at Poughkeepsie, Rev. H. D. Kraeling, pastor, gave $300 toward enlarging and beautifying their church, which was recently reconsecrated.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

— During the Lenten season the Luther League of Bethlehem Church, Rev. George C. Loos, pastor, dispenses with the social meetings of the League and in place gives a series of lectures. The first one was given on Tuesday evening, February 28, by Mr. Levi S. Gruber, a junior at Mt. Airy Seminary, on "Martin Luther." Mr. Gruber was thoroughly familiar with all the phases of our great reformer's life, and presented them in a novel and instructing manner.

— The fifth anniversary of the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Rev. W. L. Stough, pastor, was held Sunday evening, January 29. Addresses were made by Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., president of the Pennsylvania State Luther League, and Dr. Raudenbusch, president of the Church of the Nativity Luther League.

— The Luther League of St. Luke's Church entertained in the church on January 30 the Leagues of the Church of the Advent and the Church of the Atonement. E. Aug. Miller, Esq., made an eloquent address on the subject of liberality and Sunday observance. Rev. Geo. C. Loos, the president of the Philadelphia Central, was also present and made some few remarks appropriate to the occasion. After partaking of the liberal supply of refreshments, the guests departed much pleased with their visit.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

— The fifth annual convention of the above B. C. M. Luther Central was held in Grace Church, Norristown, on Washington's Birthday. Rev. J. L. Becker led the devotional service and the pastor, Rev. R. D. Roeder, made the address of welcome. Rev. C. N. Jefferis of North Wales responded. Sixty-one delegates, from 24 Leagues, answered the roll call. Grace Luther League of Pottstown was admitted to membership, after which various reports were handed in. Officers were then elected as follows: Pres., Frank L. Brown, Norristown; first vice-pres., E. K. Snell, Pottstown; second vice-pres., C. H. Hunsberger, South Schwenksville; rec. sec., J. Edgar Diemer, Spring City; cor. sec., Martha Rydberg, Norristown; treas., A. B. Walp, Quakertown. In the afternoon papers were read and addresses made by Mrs. G. W. Bradford, Rev. W. O. Fegley, C. H. Hunsberger, F. L. Brown and Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. Among the resolutions adopted was one urging all Leagues to take up the matter of securing subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. A subscription of $25 was voted by the Central League toward the indebtedness of the REVIEW. In the evening the church was well filled and an address on "The Lutheran Church in America—Her Vast Opportunities and How to Meet Them" was delivered by Rev. H. H. Weber of York, Pa. A number of vocal and instrumental selections were rendered at this meeting. Mr. H. L. Yost of Norristown was elected president of the Executive Committee, Mr. G. D. Peters of Spring City president of the Extension Committee and Mr. C. M. Berkemeyer of Sellersville president of the Credential Committee.

Allentown District

— A League has recently been organized in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (North), Bethlehem. There are now six active Luther Leagues in the Bethlehems, comprising a total membership of 700 Leaguers.

— The Luther League of Grace Church, Bethlehem, Rev. F. F. Fry, pastor, will tender a reception to the newly received members and the congregation on April 5.

— The sixth annual convention of the Luther League of the Allentown district will be held in Trinity Church, Freemansburg, Rev. C. E. Sands, pastor, on May 13. The Leaguers of Freemansburg are enthusiastic workers and are already making active preparation to receive their fellow Leaguers of this district.

— A Luther League rally was held on February 7 at Freemansburg. More than 500 young people from the Bethlehems, Allentown and Easton crowded Luther Hall to hear Dr. Hyde of Lehigh University lecture on "Ancient Rome." The Luther League Choral Society, 200 voices, under the directorship of Professor Schweitzer, organist of Grace Church, Bethlehem, furnished a fine programme of music.

— On March 7 Rev. H. A. Bomberger of Philadelphia lectured on the Spanish-American War in Trinity Church, Rev. E. A. Yehl, pastor. It was not only interesting, but very instructive.

— The Young People's Association of St. Paul's Church, Catasauqua, Rev. J. F. Lam-

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MEMORIAL WINDOWS

bert, pastor, has begun the study of the life of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. The association also decided to present Holy Trinity Church of Rockville Centre, L. I., with a handsome pulpit Bible. This church was started as a mission by Mr. Wm. Steinbicker of Catasauqua, now a student at Mt. Airy.

Northeastern Pa. Central

— The Luther League of Northeastern Pennsylvania will hold its spring convention in Trinity Church, Scranton, at a date yet to be selected

— On March 1 the Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Scranton, Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor, observed its first anniversary.

— The Luther League of St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Rev. W. L. Hunton, pastor, conducted a most successful course of lectures during the past winter, their lecturers having been Rev. F. A. Kaehler, Buffalo; Mr. E. Aug. Miller, Philadelphia, and Rev. John A. W. Haas, New York City. The League, which was reorganized in the fall, is now furnishing their "League room," having already secured a new "Cutler desk," which will be followed by a new carpet and other furniture. That the League is interested in other work besides their Luther League room is evidenced by the fact that they are now importing materials and arranging to make and donate a complete set of altar hangings to the congregation. Mr. H. L. Hungerford, well known for his active work in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Central, the Pennsylvania State and the National League, is the active and efficient president of St. John's Luther League.

Lancaster Central

— On March 9, under the auspices of the Luther League, the second series of pictures from the world's great masters was presented by Rev. Chas. L. Fry in St. Stephen's Church, Lancaster. All the pictures were of scenes in our Lord's Passion, following in chronological order, and were very appropriate to the Lenten season.

— The Luther League of Zion Church, Marietta, has elected the following officers: Pres., John Koehler; vice-pres., John Kolb; sec., Catherine Myers, and treas., Francis Weston Leffer. On February 19 the League held a missionary meeting, which was addressed by Rev. C. Kuder.

Catawissa League

— The Catawissa Central Luther League held its tenth semi-annual convention in the Lutheran Church at Washingtonville, Rev. E. H. Eberts, pastor, on March 2 and 3. There were 61 delegates, pastors and officers present, constituting the largest number present for some time. On Thursday afternoon, after devotional services by Rev. E. H. Eberts, Mrs. Dr. I. P. Hoffa delivered an appropriate address of welcome, which was responded to by the president. Rev. G. W. Fortney of Turbotville opened the discussion of the question "The Duty the Church Owes to the League," which was afterward continued by several members of the convention. The question "How Can Prayer be Introduced Into the League" was then opened by Rev. J. F. Wampole of Shamokin, the discussion being further carried on by members of the convention. Thursday evening session was opened with a song service by the choir, and after the usual devotional opening exercises the subject of "Bible Study" was taken up for discussion, which was followed by "The Relation of the League to the Pastor and Church Council," opened by Revs. Rupley of Montgomery and Batsford of Northumberland. Friday morning session was opened with devotional services, after which the question "How Can We Get Inactive Members to Become Active Members of the League?" was opened by Rev. F. A. Weicksel of New Media, and the question "The Social Side of the League and the Character of Its Entertainments" was opened by Rev. E. H. Eberts of Turbotville. Friday afternoon was taken up chiefly in transacting business. A proposition, signed by ten members, was presented by Rev. Batsford, to change the constitution so as to provide for only one convention during the year. This must lie over till next convention, which will be held in Espy on the first Thursday of September. After electing the delegates to State convention farewell remarks were made by several members of the convention, and responded to most kindly and appropriately by the pastor of the church in behalf of the League and the congregation.

— St. John's C. E. Society of Belleville gave $57.53 during the past year for benevolence.

Centre, Clinton and Union Counties

— The Luther League of Zion's E. L. Church, Renovo, Rev. L. M. C. Weicksel, pastor, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Pres., C. A. Uhler; vice-pres., William Suderberg; sec., Miss Alice Unkle, asst. sec., Miss May Leonard: treas., Mrs. Annie Troupe; organist, Miss Alma Oleson. The League hopes to make this a banner year in the work for the Master.

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— The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's Church of York, Rev. Clinton E. Walter, pastor, recently presented to Christ Lutheran Church of Loganville, Pa., Rev. William B. Lahr, pastor, a very pretty and useful communion service.

Pittsburg Central

— The Pittsburg Central met in St. John's Church, Rev. G. W. Critchlow, pastor, February 23. The chapel was filled with earnest workers, who listened to the greetings by the pastor and papers by Rev. J. Weidly on "My Opportunity in Foreign Missions" and J. Walter Hay on "My Opportunity in Home Missions," and Rev. F. Bergstresser on "Systematic Beneficence" and Miss Emma J. B. McDaniel on "Juniors." The latter address was unique, as the essayist was only 12 years old. She urged a reading course for all juniors, written by junior and Sunday school workers in simple, easy words, about things little folks should know in church work. The State Luther League convention will meet in June in Trinity Lutheran Church, Allegheny, a central point easily reached from all points in Pittsburg and Allegheny. The Committee on Arrangements, Dr. McDaniel, chairman, were instructed at this meeting to secure Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, for a mass meeting on the last evening of the convention. The next meeting of the Central will be held in Bethany Church, Rev. Weidly, pastor, in May. The Luther League of New Kensington was received into membership. Lutherans are active in Pittsburg and vicinity.

OHIO

— A Luther League was recently organized in the First English Church of Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, pastor. The League will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and will doubtless prove an efficient aid to the church, both socially and financially. Mr. W. H. Wean is the president, Miss Flora Braun, secretary, and Miss Gertrude Roof, treasurer.

— A prosperous Luther League was recently organized by Rev. C. A. Boory, the new pastor of our Church at Orrville.

— The Endeavor Society of Canal Dover, Ohio, has donated $20 toward frescoing and carpeting the church.

ILLINOIS

Chicago Central

— The twentieth quarterly meeting of the Luther League of Chicago was held on January 23 in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Twenty-one of the 24 Leagues and societies of the Central were represented. It was the annual meeting and reports were rendered by officers and committees. From these it appears that the League was increased in membership by 200 and now numbers 1,407. The officers elected are C. J. Driever, pres.; rec. sec., E. A. Olson; cor. sec., Theresa Peterson; treas, Fred. P. Matson. Rev. Willis S. Hinman delivered the address of the evening, speaking on "Close Up the Ranks."

MINNESOTA

— The first Semi-Annual Convention of the Red River Valley Central Luther League was held in Trinity Church, Moorhead, Minn., Rev. G. A. Larson, pastor, on February 21 and 22. A number of interesting papers were presented and discussed, Ten Leagues were represented at the convention and one admitted, making twelve in the Central. Great interest was taken in sessions and large audiences were in session each day. An Extension Committee was elected to push the organization of new Leagues. Professor Bogstad was elected editor to prepare outlines and programmes and other aids to League meetings by publishing them in Concordia *Banner*. The new officers are: Pres., Prof. E. D. Busby, Moorhead, Minn.; rec. sec., Miss Louisa Erickson, St. Thomas, N. D.; cor. sec., Prof. H. H. Aaker, Moorhead, Minn.; treas., Mr. J. P. Hertsgaard, Kindred, N. D.

MISSOURI AND IOWA

— The Luther League of Trinity Church, Sedalia, Mo., Rev. J. F. Seibert, pastor, have elected Wm. Almquist pres., Miss Pinky Goetze vice-pres., Miss Anna R. Brill rec. sec., Anna L. Brill cor. sec., S. M. Shatto treas. They made an offering on January 29 for the young people's work in the home and foreign mission field. During the past year the League donated over $100 to the church treasury.

— The Young People's Society of our church at Waterloo, Iowa, bore a great part of the expense of renovating the church, which was recently rededicated. Rev. G. Landrock is the pastor.

MARYLAND

— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. S. W. Owen, D.D., pastor, held a special meeting in the church on February 12 to which the Luther League of Smithsburg, Md., and the C. E. Societies of Trinity and St. Mark's Lutheran churches of Hagerstown were invited. The meeting was conducted according to the service as found in the Luther League Hymnal. Dr. Owen introduced the speaker, Mr. Cornelius Eckardt of

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

— An interesting meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union was held on February 3 at the Church of the Reformation, Rev. W. E. Parson, D.D., pastor. The president of the Union, Rev. C. H. Butler, presided. The topic for discussion was "World Religions and Christian Missions." It was treated of in four addresses. The Jugend Verein of Concordia Church, Rev. P. A. Menzel, pastor, was received into membership. A social tendered by the Reformation Society to the Union followed the regular programme.

— On January 27 the juniors of St. Paul's Church celebrated their sixth anniversary by a reception to parents and friends. A pleasing programme was presented. A beautiful clock was presented the pastor, Rev. S. Domer, D.D., as his birthday comes on the birthday of the society.

CONNECTICUT

— The first quarterly delegates' meeting and election of officers of the Luther League of Central Connecticut was held February 21, in the Trinity Church, New Haven. The societies of the League were all well represented. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. Karl A. Martin, Branford; vice-pres., C. F. Gutbrod, New Haven; sec., Miss Lydia Anderson, New Haven; treas., William Jeute, New Haven. The following committees were appointed to serve throughout the year: Executive Committee—Messrs. C. F. Gutbrod, N. P. Benson and Karl Neilsen; Committee on Extension and Credentials—Revs. Timm, Eustam and Martin. The offer of Mr. Gutbrod to serve as statistical secretary to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW was accepted with thanks. It was voted to continue last year's subscription to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and also to appoint an agent in each society of the League to take individual subscriptions to the REVIEW. Voted to hold the next public meeting Wednesday, April 26, in the Swedish Lutheran Bethesda Church, New Haven. It was further voted that the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Gutbrod, be requested to present at this meeting a paper on the "Social Aspect of the Luther League." The fourth business meeting of the League is to be held this year on the third Tuesday in October instead of the third Tuesday in November. The place of holding the June delegates' meeting was left to the Executive Committee for decision.

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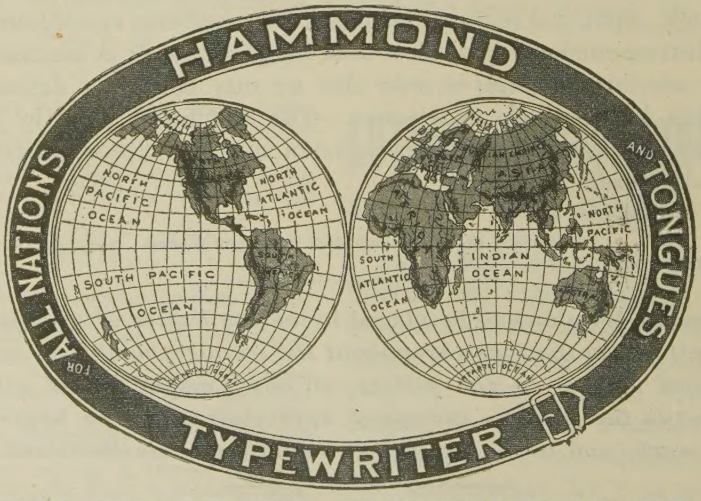

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